

Four Face U. S. Charges in Arsenal Case

Theft of government property from the Joliet Arsenal is the charge faced by four men from this area who were remanded to the custody of the United States marshal, yesterday, by local agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The four were arraigned in Chicago, yesterday afternoon, before United States Commissioner C. Bentley Pike. The men are identified as Thomas W. Travis, 25, a native of Corning, N. Y., now of Braidwood; Bobby Frank Webb, 25, formerly of Creal Springs, Ill., of Wilmington; Russell Ora Reeves, 48, formerly of Toronto, Can., of Wilmington, and John R. Estock, 30, a native of Bucktown, Ill., who resides in Wilmington.

REEVES WAS the only one who failed to waive the preliminary hearing, yesterday, before Pike. The date of Oct. 22 has been set for his preliminary hearing in Chicago to determine "identity, jurisdiction and probable cause."

Bonds for each of the men was set at \$500. The hearing date, at which time the defendants will enter their plea of guilty or not guilty, has not been set, according to the United States attorney assistants in Chicago.

Travis, Webb and Reeves were arrested by the local FBI agents in a case involving theft of approximately \$800 worth of paint, brushes and dropclothes at the Joliet Arsenal since last July.

ESTOCK WAS cited on a charge of theft of between \$600 and \$700 worth of lead and copper scrap from a renovation project at Kankakee works of the Arsenal recently.

A fourth man involved in the paint theft is still to be arraigned.

The arrests are part of a crack down at the Arsenal in recent months by intelligence and security agents. Several other cases are pending, with information turned